strategy for maximising small savings collectoins.

Payment out of the Share of Central Excise Duty to States

831. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Seventh Finance Commission recommended that during each years of 1979-80 to 1983-84 the entire net proceeds of the Central excise duty on generation of electricity be paid to each State equal to the collection attributed to that State:

(b) if so, what was the collection of such excise duty from each State and what amounts were paid to each State;

(c) what were the collections from Maharashtra and the amount paid by the Central Government to that State; and

(d) wheher it is a fact that Maharashtra Government has been paid less to the tune of about Rs. 30 crores and if so, what steps Government propose to take to settle this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir. (b) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table.

Statement

The net proceeds of the Union Duties of Excise on Electricity (other than in Union Territories) were required to be distributed among the States as per the percentage share prescribed in the Union Duties of excise (Electricity) Distribution Act, 1980 and not on the basis of Statewise collections. Further, Statewise collection figures are not available. In accordance with the Union Duties of Excise (Electricity) Distribution Rules, 1980 framed under the above Act, the net proceeds of the duties have been provisionally distributed among the States during 1979-80 to 1983-84 subject to final adjustment on the basis of certified figures of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Accordingly, the amounts paid to various States during the above period are as follows:—

	States	Rs. in crores
1	Andhra Pradesh	68.72
2	Assam	9.54
3	Bihar	53.15
4	Gujarat	59 87
5	Haryana	24.03
6	Himachal Pradesh	5 81
7	Jammu & Kashmir	6 86
8	Karnataka	54.73
9	Kerala	29.53
10	Madhya Pradesh	46 97
11	Maharashtra	109.65
12	Manipur	0.49
13	Meghalaya	1.92
14	Nagaland	0.65
15	Orissa	30.02
16	Punjab	42 01
17	Rajasthan	28.45
18	Tamilnadu	54.56
19	Tripura	0.4
20	Uttar Pradesh	94.13
21	West Bengal	71.54

According to departmental records, a sum of Rs. 150.01 crores was collected as Central Excise Duty on electricity generation in Maharashtra during the period 1979—84. The share of the Government of Maharashtra worked out to Rs. 109.65 crores and this

amount was paid to the State Government. The question of shortfall in the payment to the Government of Maharashtra does not arise as the net proceeds have been distributed in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned Act and Rules.

Recovery of Amount Looted from the Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana

832. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a considerable amount out of Rs. 5.70 crores looted from the RBI Chest in the Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana, has been recovered in the course of investigations and searches; if so, how much amount has been recovered and what are the details of the persons apprehended in connection therewith; and

(b) what further action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have reported that cash and movable and immovable properties, amounting in all to Rs. 94.41 lakhs approximately have been recovered and 22 persons have been arrested in connection with the incident of looting from Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana. The CBI have further reported that the case is still at the investigation stage.

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Orissa

833. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of nationalised banks that are proposed to be opened in tribal and backward areas of Orissa during the year 1988; and

(b) what is the target of Government in this regard for the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Under the current Branch Licensing Policy covering the period 1-4-1985 to 31-3-1990, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allotted 183 centres (upto 31-12 1987) to commercial banks in various districts including the tribal and backward districts, in Orissa. District-wise details of these allotments are indicated below:—

District	No. of centres allotted
1. Mayurbhanj	14
2. Keonjhar	12
3. Bolangir	14
4. Koraput	17
5. Kalahandi	7
6. Phulbani	12
7. Dhenkanal	3
8. Balasore	9
9. Ganjam	23
10. Puri	22
11. Sambalpur	21
12. Sundargarh	12
13. Cuttack	17
TOTAL:	183

RBI has advised the banks that the branches at the allotted centres should be opened in a phased manner during the remaining period of